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A BILL FOR

1 An Act expanding the national guard educational assistance
2 program to provide assistance to students enrolled in graduate
3 school.
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:
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1 1 Section 1. Section 261.86, subsection 1, unnumbered
1 2 paragraph 1, Code 2007, is amended to read as follows:
1 3 A national guard educational assistance program is
1 4 established to be administered by the college student aid
1 5 commission for members of the Iowa national guard who are
1 6 enrolled as ~~undergraduate~~ students in a community college, an
1 7 institution of higher learning under the state board of
1 8 regents, or an accredited private institution. The college
1 9 student aid commission shall adopt rules pursuant to chapter
1 10 17A to administer this section. An individual is eligible for
1 11 the national guard educational assistance program if the
1 12 individual meets all of the following conditions:

1 13 Sec. 2. Section 261.86, subsection 1, paragraph d, Code
1 14 2007, is amended to read as follows:

1 15 d. Is enrolled ~~as an undergraduate student~~ in a community
1 16 college as defined in section 260C.2, an institution of higher
1 17 learning under the control of the board of regents, or an
1 18 accredited private institution as defined in section 261.9,
1 19 and is maintaining satisfactory academic progress.

1 20 Sec. 3. Section 261.86, subsection 3, Code 2007, is
1 21 amended to read as follows:

1 22 3. An eligible member of the national guard, attending an
1 23 institution as provided in subsection 1, paragraph "d", as a
1 24 full-time student, shall not receive educational assistance
1 25 under this section for more than ~~eight~~ the following:

1 26 a. Eight semesters, or if attending as a part-time student
1 27 for not more than sixteen semesters, of undergraduate study,
1 28 or the trimester or quarter equivalent.

1 29 b. Four semesters, or if attending as a part-time student
1 30 for not more than eight semesters, of graduate study or the
1 31 trimester or quarter equivalent.

1 32 3A. A national guard member who has met the educational
1 33 requirements for a ~~baccalaureate~~ master's degree is ineligible
1 34 for educational assistance under this section.

1 35 EXPLANATION

2 1 This bill expands the national guard educational assistance
2 2 program, which currently provides educational assistance to
2 3 members of the Iowa national guard who are enrolled as
2 4 undergraduate students in a community college, a regents
2 5 university, or an accredited private institution, to national
2 6 guard members enrolled as graduate students in regents
2 7 universities or accredited private institutions.

2 8 The bill caps assistance at four semesters for full-time
2 9 graduate students and eight semesters for part-time graduate
2 10 students.

2 11 Current law provides that the amount of educational
2 12 assistance paid cannot be less than 50 percent of the resident
2 13 tuition rate established for regents universities.

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